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FOR: IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS,  
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ENCODING PROGRAM, IMAGE  
DECODING APPARATUS, IMAGE  
DECODING METHOD AND IMAGE  
DECODING PROGRAM

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.